CLEARLY CONTRARY TO LAW.

The Railway Commission So Decides on the U. P.-B. & M. Agreement.

ABSORBING TALK OF THE TOWN.

Rays of Legal Light from the Attorney General-Probable Jail Delivery Frustrated-A Mastieating Contract.

TROW THE BEE'S LINCOLN BUREAU. Reference was made in the BEE some days ago to the case of Meyer Bros., of Grand Island, who had filed a complaint with the board of railway commissioners asking them to investigate the refusal of the Burlington & Missouri river railroad to received a consignment of cigars from the Union Pacific at Kearney. The goods were destined for a point on the Kenesaw branch of the Burlington & Missouri river road and the latter company refused to take them from the Union Pacific at Kearney, claiming that under the agreement between the companies they should have had the haul clear from Grand Island. The board informed the railways that the shipper had the right to select his route, and it should be protected, and further that the agree ment mentioned was contrary to law and public policy and should be abobshed. To this General Freight Agent Miller of the Burlington & Missouri made answer on the 4th inst., saying that while the company intended to follow the suggestions and wishes of the board, he was hopeful that he would convince them that they were wrong. He called attention to a similar question n Kansas, and the conference held on it between shippers and railroaders at Topeka, the outcome being a compromis-Yesterday the board answered Mr. Miller, saving in effect that they proposed to adhere to their construction of the Ne-braska law, again recommending the immediate abolition of the contract be-tween the Barlington & Missouri and Union Pacific, regarding the receipt of freight at competing points as contrary to law and against public policy, and serving notice that roads refusing to re-ceive freight laid themselves hable for the actual damages sustained by shippers. LINCOLN'S LAST SENSATION.

C. W. Jones, the man charged with keeping a disorderly house, at 134 South Tenth street, was on trial before Judge Parker yesterday, and the disclosures were the talk of the town. Mrs. Mann, Officers Hobson, Benninghoff, Fowler, Hollowell and Capt. Post all testified that the reputation of the house was very bad and that it was inhabited and frequented by hard characters of both sexes. Charles Righter testified to printing some business cards for Jones, and one of them was offered in evidence. It reads as follows:

"C. W. Jones keeps the model billiard room and temperance bar. Fine eigars a specialty. Also, furnished apartments to rent by day or night. 132 South Tenth street, Lincoln, Neb. Night clerk's room, No. 6. up-stairs.

The prosecution will make an effort to show that the card was an invitation to the public to use the house as a place of prostitution. Jones was on the stand for the defense yesterday afternoon, and gave his version, from which it would appear that he keeps a model place and is a grossly injured man. The arguments of the counsel will be made this morning and the case submitted. RAYS OF LEGAL LIGHT.

Attorney General Leese was busy yes-terday writing to Gen. O'Brien of Omaha, counsel for Tom Ballard, urging him to file his brief and abstract in the case within fifteen days. Mr. Leese says Ballard is being kept in Douglas county jail at an expense to the taxpayers which is unnecessary, and that in justice to them and the prisoner the case should be disposed of as soon as possible. Speaking of this led the attorney general to remark that there was a great deal of ignorance among county officials respecting the law. For instance, the sheriff of Otoe county was reported busy Wednesday making preparations for the execution of Bohannon, and would undoubtedly have hanged the man had it not been for orders by telegraph to the contrary. Sheriffs should understand, says Mr. Leese, that even when a man is convicted and sentenced

to death on a certain day, the execution cannot legally take place without a mandate from the court, and nothing of the kind had been issued in the Bohannon BRIFF MENTION The county jailer got wind yesterday afternoon of something wrong among

the prisoners, and made a search of the cells. He found some wooden keys, a saw made from a knife blade, and a bottle of muriatic acid. To what use they would have been put can only be conjectured. Mrs. Homer Wakely, formerly M's Kate Stover, who has been in poor health for some time, has gone to Hot Springs.

The Milan opera company will open the Funke opera house Monday night giving Faust. This will be the first per-formance in Lincoln since the storm Rabbi Benson, of Omaha, lectured on

the "Religious Spirit of the Nineteenth Century" to a goodly sized audience at Temple hall Wednesday evening.

A couple of toughs from the country assaulted a Chinaman Wednesday even-ing, and were surprised to find that the heathen could use his feet and hands in a lively manner. But for the arrival of Officer Fowler the Melican men would

have been "done up."
A dashing young hotel clerk went out sleigh-riding with a lady friend Wednes nesday evening, and succeeded in wreck ing his cutter near the water-works. The pair walked home leading the horse, and made good time considering the con-

dition of the roads. The barbers in the Commercial hotel shop have formed a co-operative firm, and have taken a five year's lease in the north end store in the Richards' block, facing on Pstreet. They will fit the shop up in elegant style, and make it a model for western scrapers to copy after.

There was an eating match at Lind sey's restaurant Wednesday night, in which Bud and a Bohemian with an un pronounceable name were the contest-ants. The stakes were \$20 and the cost ants. The stakes were \$20 and the cost of the supper, the main feature of which was porter-house steak. The Bohemian threw up the sponge when he had fin ished the sixth steak, and was almos paralyzed when he heard Bud call for three more steaks and two dozen fried

Thomas McManigal, of Holdredge, eb., is visiting his brother, John

Neb., is visiting his brother, John McManigal, of this city. The only suit entered in the district court yesterday was that of Godfrey vs Hutton, the former asking that a me-chanic's lien of \$1,058.71 for materials used in the construction of the Gerner

residence be foreclosed.

A local organization, known as the J.

M. Burk's Implement company, has been formed. The capital is \$15,000, and the business, selling agricultural implements.

The Keith county school lands have been returned by the appraisers at an average of \$13 an acre, and will be ad-

Articles of incorporation of the Ameri can Detective association were received by Secretary Roggen yesterday. The as-sociation consists of George J. Crane and Charles R. Woolley, both of Omaha.

Mr. Plumley, a prominent stock and nurseryman of Iowa, is in Lincoln with a view of starting a nursery near this city.

Prof. Culbertson, formerly of the agr cultural college farm, has sold forty sore of land east of Lincoln to a large import ing company, who have now en route some of the best draft horses ever brought to the west. They will open the estab lishment about March 1.

G. W. McMillan, A. Allee and J. Stock-man, Omaha; James N. Edwards, Seward A. E. Upton, Milford, Mrs. R. M. Tag gart, Nebraska City, J. R. McKee, Pal myra, W. H. Allendon and T. F. McDon

HYMEN'S SHRINE. A Brilliant Wedding in Omaha Col-

ored Circles. Quite a flutter was perceptible in col ored circles Wednesday evening, it being the occassion of the marriage of G. W. Kellogg, an employe of S. P. Morse & Co., and Miss Lottie A. Barmen, an accomplished school teacher, formerly of

A host of friends assembled at the A. M. E. church on Webster street to witness the eeremony. Rev. George Woodby united the happy pair. Leaving the church, the newly-wedded couple wended their way to the residence of Mrs. W. H. Butler, where a grand reception was given and the two received the congratuions of their friends.

The bride's trosseau consisted of magnificent brocaded silk, color dregs of wine, trimmed with oriental lace. wore white kid gloves, reaching to elbows. The groom was dressed in a neat suit of black. The presents were numerous and valuable, among them being the following: Silver easter, Mr. and Mrs. William

Oglesby; silver butter dish, Mrs. I. R. Kellogy of St. Louis; silver eard stand, G. W. Collins and Page, silver butter dish and napkin ring, Mr. and Mrs. Walker; silver pickle stand, Mr. F. C. Trent and Mrs. Humbard; silver salt and pepper stand Charles E. Coleman, silver pickle dish, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Waters; two bil paintings, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Elligan; dozen sauce dishes, Misses Ousleys and Coffee; fruit dish and glass celery, Mrs Southard and daughter; toilet set, Alex. Turner and M. L. Wilson; cake dish, Mrs. J. B. Southard; wine set and pair vases, Mr. and Mrs. Graves; pair vases and two cups and saucers, Miss Lottic King; pair vases, Miss Sadia Sly; fruit dish, Mrs. A. Burley; half dozen fruit dishes, James Thomas; ice pitcher, Mrs A. King; fruit dish and sugar bowl, Mrs A. King; fruit dish and sugar bowl, Mrs. Bruce and daughter; ice pitcher, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Thomas and Miss Susie Scott; pair vases, J. S. Reed; handsome glass, Miss Mary Martin; water set, Misse Clara McCoyle; tea set, Misses Steel, Weathers and Mr. Moker; cake dish, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Simpson; half-dozen wine glasses, L. Spencer; nickle dishes and bread plate. Spencer; pickle dishes and bread plate, Mr. and Mrs. J. Newman; half-dozen wine glasses, Miss Sadia Andrews; sugar bowl Miss Sadia C. Nickens; fine fruit dish Mrs. J. Hardin; half-dozen fruit dishe-W. H. Warren; fine perfume case, Mrs Pitts; half-dozen fruit dishes, Mrs. Lind sey and sister; table cloth and towels, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Vinagar; towels, Mrs. W. M. J. Wylie; table cloth, Miss Emma Clinton; two table cloths, E. R. Overall; towels, Mr. and Mrs. Buckner; towels, W. A. Vinagar; broom, Miss Elsie De Lanv.

Brevities.

The Hebrew ladies' sewing society meets at 2 o'clock to-day at the syna gogue. Important business is under dis cussion.

The name of A. Polaek was by mistake omitted from the list of clothing merchants who have agreed to the early clos ng hour

The Ice Packers' union will hold meeting at Tivoli garden Saturday even-ing at 7:30 o'clock. A full attendance of all members is desired. Con. Lynch, presi-

dent. Charles Hacker vesterday entered in Justice Helsley's court to recover from B. Pritchard, the late cashier of the Western Umon, \$90 due on a promissory

The finest assortment of single and double cutters to be found anywhere in the city is on exhibition at the Lininger & Metcalf Co. repository, corner of Sixth

and Pacific streets. Judge Berka granted a continuance of thirty days in the Bourdette-Burbank bastardy suit taken to his court Wednesday on a change of venue from Judge

Anderson. According to the San Francisco Bulle-tin, of Friday, Jan. 8, Hon. C. H. Dewey,

of this city, sailed on Saturday for China and Japan. He will return to Omaha about March 30th. The committees who have been ap-pointed by the various Odd Fellow lodges to make arrangements for the annual celebration of Odd Fellowship will meet at

Odd Fellows hall Friday evening at 7:30. The D. N. Miller Detective association has opened its offices in the Nebraska National bank building. The new com-pany comprises ex-Sheriff Miller, James Ewing and Ed Gorman, with Edwin

Crowell as attorney. If you went a good single or double cut ter at a moderate price, you had better pay a visit to the Lininger & Metealf Co. repository, corner of Sixth and Pacific streets. There you will find the largest and best selected assortment of sleighs of all kinds to be seen anywhere in the state.

Rabbi Benson returned yesterday from Lincoln, where on Wednesday night he lectured in the Masonic temple. The doctor lectures at his synagogue to-night on the subject of "The golden medium between the conservative and reformed spirit of the religious problem of our age.

Although the ice dealers are now able to lay in a bountiful harvest, the character of the ice is not the best ever seen Although some of the blocks are eigh teen inches thick half of them are frozen snow, but they are the best that can be obtained, and in getting even so much the community should perhaps be be duly grateful.

Mr. Charles Gillig and private secre-tary are amongst the latest arrivals at the Millard. As may be known, Mr. Gillig is proprietor and general manager of "Gillig's United States Exchange" at No. 9 Strand, Charing Cross, London, Eng., and is traveling in this country promoting the interests of American travel to Europe. Mr. Gillig is desirous f again reminding his friends in Omaha that his institution in London, Eng. (Gil-lig's United States Exchange) is entirely distinct from that called the "American Exchange" managed by Henry Gillig.

If railways and electric telegraphs have rendered it unnecessary that modern empires should fall to pieces by thei own weight, as ancient empires did, arms of precision have guarded against possibility of their being swept away by barbarous invasions.

It is an insult to ask the poorest Malay to sell anything. They will lay their produce or chickens at one's feet as a gift with the loftiest oriental eloquence. beg pathetically for a present in return, but they never soil their hands or names with commercial transactions.

Three statues have just been brought to light from the cellars underneath the old courts of law, at Guidhall, London, where they have been hidden for many years. They formerly stood in front of Guidhall chapel, and are life-size representations of Edward VI., Charles I., and his consort, Queen Henrietta Maria. three possess great artistic merit.

DEADLY CAISSON DISEASE.

A Workman on the New U. P. Bridge Victim of the Malady.

AT THE BOTTOM OF THE RIVER

Fifty Feet Under Water and Compressed Air the Cause-The Cruel Wheels-Local

Happenings.

A Strange Malady. Dr. Galbraith was summoned at a late your last night to attend one of the workmen on the new Union Pacific bridge who had been paralyzed while working in the caisson which is being sunk in the river. The man was taken very suddenly and without warning. One of the men working with him in the caisson noticed that he had fallen down, doubled up like a jack-knife, and went to his assistance. He found that the man was completely paralyzed from his hips down. and, summoning assistance, had him mickly carried to the surface. One of

the men was then sent for the doctor, who responded quickly The disease is a very peculiar one, and was caused by the great pressure of air upon the vital organs. The eaisson has now been sunk to a depth of fifty feet below the surface of the river, and the air is forced into it at a pressure of twentyfive pounds to the square inch. The great diving bell, and the compressed air s supplied through pipes, thus keeping out the water and enabling the men to remove the sand from the bottom, thus sinking the caisson to bed rock.

The means of exit and entrance to the caisson is through air-locks, air-tight chambers, placed at the top or bottom of The air-lock has two doors, one communicating with the caisson and the other at the exterior. A man wishing to enter the calsson goes into the air-lock and closes the door behind him. A stop-cock being opened allows the compressed air from the interior to fill the air-lock until the pressure is equal to that of the caisson, when the interior door is opened and the workman may step in without evil consequences. The great danger lies in the air-lock, for to it is traced all the fatal

The disease is said to have first come into general prominence during the building of the great St. Louis bridge, in the construction of which many lost their lives. It was at first imperfectly understood and, no provision being mad for the safety of the workmen, the mor-tality was great, and a very large per-centage of men who did not suffer fatal consequences were permanently crippled or temporarily incapacitated. Experience pointed out ways of preventing many of the more serious consequences and it is believed that in time the effect of compressed air upon the human system will be so well understood that the evils may be entirely averted.

Whether the workman who was paralyzed last night will recover or not is a matter of doubt. His is not the first case of the kind that has occurred in Omaha. When the old bridge was built there were a number of similar cases. Some of them proved fatal, while others left the victims cripples for life. A few of the men so affected entirely recovered, while the crippled ones were given positions by the company which they could fill with-out manual fabor. The case will un-doubtedly attract considerable interest among the physicians of the city, and others are liable to follow before the work of sinking the caissons is finished.

Struck by an Engine.

Elias Patrick, a carpenter working on the stock yards exchange at South Omaha, was struck by an engine near Sheeley's packing house last evening and received injuries which may prove fatal. Patrick resides in this city and was on his way home from work when the accident occurred. He stepped from the west bound track to avoid a train which was coming towards him, not seeing an engine which was running at a high rate of speed on the other track. The east bound engine struck him, throwing him in front of the west bound train. He landed on the cowcatcher of the west bound engine and rolled from there to the side of the track. The train was immediately stopped and the unfortunate man picked up and brought to the city. The patrol wagon was sum moned and conveyed him in an uncon scious condition to St. Joseph's hospital There he was attended by Dr. Galbraith, who found that two of his ribs had been broken, his skull fractured, the nasal and cheek bones crushed, and his limbs frightfully bruised. It was found necesary to remove the entire nasal bone, it having been completely crushed. other injuries were dressed and the unfortunate man made as comfortable as possible, but the probabilities at a late nour last night were that he would not live until morning.

Patrick is a married man and has a wife living in this city.

TALKS WITH TRAVELERS.

Short Interviews Gathered in the Hotel Rotundas.

McMurphy, Schuyler, Neb. Schuyler is a town of about 3,000 inhabtants, and is enjoying a steady, though by no means phenominal growth. It will be one of the prosperous cities of the state, probably never a large one. The sorghum factory which was started some years ago, and which was closed up, has not yet been reopened, nor will it be, at least in the immediate future. For wo years it made money and was looked upon as one of the permanent manufac turing concerns of the state. It got all its cane from the surrounding country and supplied a very large trade both in Nebraska and other states. But when the decline in sugar came, the price of sorghum fell, and the factory ceased to make money and was closed up. Cattle-growing is one of the main resources of Colfax county. A good deal of fine grade hay is also grown in Colfax county and supplied to all parts of the state."
T. H. Linden, North Platte, Neb.: "The

recent storm has demonstrated one thing plainly to my mind and that is that the Union Pacific and Burlington & Misouri roads are poorly equipped to combat snow. Their snow plows are wretched little picayune affairs, and are almos uscless in raising a heavy blockade. If these two roads had had good, substantial plows, such are used by the eastern roads, no serious blockade from the recent storm would have resulted. In the east such a storm would hardly be no ticed, so far as effects on the running of trains are concerned.

Chas. Sivalls, General Business Agent of W. W. Cole's Circus:—[Mr. Sivalls was met yesterday at Union Pacific headquarters negotiating for the transporta-tion of his circus over the lines of the company]—We will be in Omaha along in the springtime, and the Barnem show, in which Mr. Cole is also interested, will follow in the summer. Yes, Mr. Cole owns one-quarter of the Barnum circus; Mr. Barnum himself owns one-half and Mr. Cooper the other quarter. It is a great show, and no mistake, and the only ent concern in America that made money the past season. Last year was hard on the show business, I tell you. The stringency of the times and the general

depression of trade kept money out of circulation and people actually could not afford the luxury of amusement. coming season promises better, as business is reviving and times are better. There has certainly been lots of money made in the circus business, but I can number the rich showmen on the fingers of one hand. Cole is rich and so is Barnum. Adam Forepaugh is in fair circumstances, and as much can be said for Cooper. Robinson has so long been out of the trade in person, although his name is retained, that it is hardly fair to class him with the circus men, and besides that he made the greater portion of his fortune out of real estate speculation. Cole will give a show up to the standard of his efforts of the past, and which everybody knows. Since he death of Jumbo he has now in Sam son the largest elephant in captivity Samson is as wicked as he is big. season he killed three horses and one keeper, besides injuring a number of men who handled him at various times. He seems to know the difference between

the visitors and the show men, and

whereas he never touches the former, he

sometimes makes the latter skip around Signor Perces Pinto, consul to Yokoha ma, Japan: —[The signor could not speak a word of English, and the reporter had a jolly time using his smattering of Mexican to get at the facts. The diplomat was a handsome, grey whiskered gentle-man of the pure Castillan type.] I have spent my life in the diplomatic service of Spain and am now sent from the consulate it San Domingo to my present position. am utterly unable to converse in English and owe much of the safety of my pas sage thus far across your continent to the courtesy and kindness of its people. Spain is at peace with all the world and I trust with herself, although the recent death of the king reopens the old upon the royal accession, which have from time to time rent our country with internal strife. I hope for the best, how-ever, and believe that the great, good sense and dignity of Spanish nationality can peacefully solve all problem her own government the United States we hold the best relations and are enlisted in perpetuating them for our mutual profit. With Japan, whither my new commission sends me Spanish commerce is bound on friendly terms by most satisfactory freaties of re-

ciprocity. Ex-Congressman E. K. Valentine, West Point, Neb.—"The action of Commis-sioner Sparks in suspending final proof of the land entries is an outrage. This action of Sparks will not be felt so badly in the part of the state in which I live as it will be in the northwestern part. Sparks has got to give way.

THE OMAHA MANIAC.

Detailed Account of Mr. Wilkins' In sane Freak in a Boston Hotel.

The facts of the sensational lunaey of Mr. Henry Wilkins, of the City Steam laundry firm, and his mad freaks in a hotel at Boston, printed by special telegraph exclusively in the BEE of day before yesterday, reached here yesterday in more detailed length in the Boston Post:

Mr. Henry L. Wilkins, of Omaha, arrived here with his wife on the day before New Years. 'He boarded at a fashionable house on Berkeley street, in the back bay district, until last night, when he moved to the Parker house. His health has not been good for some time, and during his stay in this city he has been attended to by two physicians. He was to sail from this port on one of the Cun arders on Saturday next for Liverpool, from whence he intended to go to Carls-bad, Germany, where he hoped to derive benefit from the waters. He is only 35 years of age, and his wife is a very pretty and attractive woman, some eight years

Wilkins had overtasked himself in his profession, that of civil engineer, and he has been warned several times that he would lose his mind if he persisted in working so hard, Within a short time he has become very much interested in spiritualism, and during his stay here has devoted much of his time to seauces and sittings with the many spiritualists with whom Boston is blessed. Only day before yesterday he was found by a policeman standing on a dry goods box on the corner of Temple Place and Tremont street about dusk, haranguing a crowd on spiritualism. At that time the streets are full of people on their way home. and the policeman was about to take Mr. Wilkins to the station house for blocking the streets, when a man who knew bim came along and persuaded the officer

to take him home.

Dr. Clark was in the room at the Par-ker house with Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins all this afternoon and evening, but thought the patient was sleeping quietly for the night, when he left them at a quarter before twelve. Ten minutes afterwards Wilkins jumped out of bed with an unearthly yell, rushed at his wife, and struck her a terrible blow on the side of her head with his fist that knocked her down and left an ugly wound on her cheek. Then he ran out into the ballway, tearing his night-gown into small piece and yelling at the top of his lungs. In a moment all the hallways were filled with men and women in their scant robes, rushing wildly down the stairs and anxiously asking each other in voices of terror what the trouble was. Several of the ladies fainted and were carried into the parlors and laid on the sofas. The night clerks and two porters ran up the stairs and tried to capture the insane man. He brushed all three of them to one side and flew down the hall-way, by this time almost nude, and tried to open one of the double windows on School St. erying, "I must fly out; don't touch my

wings."
The stalwart engineer and fireman tried to seize Wilkins by the arms, but he eluded them and ran back to his room, pulling the door to after him. Parson Downs had been reading testimony for his coming trial, in company with his lawyers, in the rooms of the syndicate for the defense, on the floor below. He had just reached the question: "When did you leave Mrs. Tabor?" as he heard the unearthly yells. He jumped to his feet, and went up the stairs two at a bound, with his hat and coat off, and his curly hair flying behind him. He and his curly hair flying behind him. He shoved open the door to Wilkins' room, around which stood a frightened group of people afraid to enter. He found Wilkins standing on the bureau without stitch of clothing on, waving a black bot-God! I am God! Beware of me!

Downs ran up to the bureau and grabbed Wilkins firmly around the waist As he did so Wilkins aimed a blow at is head with the bottle. Downs ducke his head, but received the blow in full force upon his right shoulder, almost dislocating it. He carried Wilkins to the bed, threw him upon it and held him down, Judge Norton shouting all the time: "Look out, parson, he will kill you!"

After Downs got Wilkins down four men came in and helped hold him. Then the police were sent for. It took three or them to carry Wilkins to the station-house after they had got some clothes upon him. Mrs. Wilkins' wound was dressed, and she was tenderly cared for, but was suffering intensely when last heard from with hysterics. It was more than an hour be-fore the hotel was restored to its normal quiet, and then the night clerk heaved a deep sigh, as he said: was the worst scene ever known in the Parker house. I don't think we ever had a raying maniae here before. Thank God that Wilkins ran out of the room before he killed his wife." Wilkins will probably be sent to an asylum to-morrow. Parson Downs

shoulder is very painful, but he is not

Mr. Henry L. Wilkins, the unfortunate gentleman in question, was formerly sen-for member of the City Steam laundry firm on Eleventh street. He has made a fortune in that business and now retiring from active pursuits was on his Europe where he hoped to find renewal of health in a change of climate. Mr. A. Wilkins, his brother, left last nigh for Boston to take charge of this most afflicted gentleman. Henry Wilkins is a well-known citizen of Omaha and his misfortune will be widely regretted.]

THE END OF THE CASE. The Great Insurance Trial Closing

Ho, for Lincoln! The great Leighton & Clarke insurance case, compounded of twenty four suits, which has dragged its weary length through nearly two weeks' extra session of the United States court, is drawing to close. The last item of evidence was brought forth yesterday forenoon and on reconvening at 2 o'clock the great contest of the lawyers, which must be finisned by the court's order, this noon was begun. Judge Dundy is determined to be in Lincoln with all the clerks, bailiffs and other high officials of the court on Monday next to open the long deferred

term in that city.

The insurance trial closed with the testimony in rebuttal set forth by the drug A large number of witnesses were firm. examined and a vigorous assaul made on the charges of frame and misrepresentation laid against Leighton by the insurance companies. It was established that all the insurance witnesses, formerly in the employ of the company, who testified to conspiracy on the part of Leighton to garble the accounts, secrete the salvage and make false presentments of the loss, were discharged for incompetency and other venal offenses. It was charged that these same employes, conscious of their pending dismissal before the fire, had eized this opportunity to compromise the firm so that they would have to be retained. A blackmailing letter was produced against one of these fellows to prejudice his testimony and traps were successfully laid to catch some of the others in falsehoods The case goes to the jury this after-

Been Out a Week.

Sadie McBride, who has been a ward of the city for more than six months, excepting at intervals of a day at a time, was released from the county jail about a week ago. But she is again in custody, having been arrested last night on a warrant sworn out by a lady of color on a charge of stealing an article of under-clothing. Sadie did remarkably well this trip, as it has been customary for her to be released from jail in the morning and returned again at night on another charge. This is the longest time she has been out of jail since last April.

Another Cold Wave Coming.

At 9 o'clock this evening the local signal service officer was notified that in side of the next forty-eight hours the temperature here will fall 15 to 20 degrees. The ground work of this theory is high pressure in Dakota and Montana, which will speedily lower the temperature to the southeast. The cold wave flag has been hoisted

THE FIRST STATE DINNER. The White House Graced With a Not-

able Party.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.2-The president gave his first state dinner of the season this evening in honor of his cabinet. The white house was tastefully arranged for the occasion, and presented a brilliant appearance. The east room and parlors adjoining the state dining room were lined with tropical plants, and the manters were barried with choice flowers. The principal decoration of the dinner table was an immense floral ship of state, which was surrounded by many smaller floral pieces of different designs. One of the oldest attaches of the house said the table had never presented a more beautiful appearance The marine band was stationed in the main vestibule and discoursed its finest music dut ing the dinner. One reform instituted by the band was the omission of "Had to the Chief" from its reportoire this evening. This was done out of respect for the president, who is said to be very tired of hearing that

The following is the list of guests: The The following is the list of guests: The secretary of state and Mrs. Bayard, the secretary of the treasury and Mrs. Manning, the secretary of war and Mrs. Endleott, the secretary of the navy and Mrs. Whitney, the postmaster general and Mrs. Vilas, the secretary of the interior, the speaker and Mrs. Carlisle, Lieutenant General and Mrs. Sheridan, Admiral Rogers (the admiral of the navy being indisposed). Senator Harris, democratic Senator Harris nominee for president pro tem of the senate, Senator and Mrs. Edmunds. Miss Love and Miss Utley of Buffalo, who are guests at the white house, 11on. Edward Cooper of New York, Mr. D. W. Willis James and Mrs. J. James of New York, Miss Weddell of Cleve-land who is a guest at Sacratary Whitney land, who is a guest at Secretary Whitney es-Secretary McCulloch and Mrs. McCull

President pro tem of the Senate and Mrs. Sherman, who had accepted the president's invitation, were called out of the city. The attorney general was unable to attend by reason of a slight indisposition. The president escorted Mrs. Bayard and Secretary Bayard escorted Miss Cleveland. After dinner a short time was passed in promenading through the pariors and conservatory, which was illuminated for the occasion.

ANOTHER MINE DISASTER.

A Dozen Men Entombed Near Alburtis, Pa.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.-The Hera'd's Alburtis (Pa.) special gives an account of a terri ble cave-in which occurred yesterday after noon about half past four at Rittenhouse Gap, a small village near Red Lyon station, Catasqua & Fogelsville railway. It happened in a mine owned and operated by H. K. Hartzell, of this place, and buried a number of men. It is difficult to get the number of killed on account of the intense excitement which prevails, but it is thought a dozen are entombed. At seven last night the following bodies had been dug out of one of the slopes: — James, aged 25; leaves a wife and three children. Frank Eck, aged 36; leaves a wife and one

Geo. L. Miller, aged 21; single.
The appearance of the dead bodies shows
the men had been suffocated. When found they were in an upright position, with tools in their hands. Large gangs have been put to work to rescue the others entombed in the slope, which is nearly three hundred feet deep. The cause of the cave-in cannot be ac-counted for, as the mine was one of the best in this region. The mine gave employment in this region. The mine gave employment to a large number of men, but fortunately most of them left work at noon yesterday. If a Ding Pa, Jan. 14.—James Shiffert and William Bek were instantly killed by a cave-in at Hartzell's ore mine near Alburtus last evening. Several other uniners had narrow escapes. The report that a dozen other men are under the rock is erroneous. in this region. The mine gave employment

Make It of Double Importance. CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 14.—At a meeting is afternoon of the Cincinnati Citizens aw and Order league, at which L. E. Dudley, secretary of the National Law and Order cague, was present, a call was issued for an annual convention of the Law and Order annual convention of the Law and Order League of the United States, to be held in Cincinnati February 22. All state and local leagues and kindred societies are invited to send delegates. They are alro requested to hold meetings on that day, with a view of making February 22 a law and order day throughout the republic.

Weather for To-day. MISSOURI VALUEY-Generally colder cloudy weather, with local snows, variable winds; generally higher barometer.

GARRICK WAS A STAGE SUPE.

And Therefore William Wagstaff is Not at All Ashamed of His Humble Calling.

W. J. Florence, the Famous Actor. Personates the Stage Supernumerary-His Amusing Experience.

My name is William Wagstaff. I am a

stage supernumary. So was my father

before me. Most "supes" are ashamed

to own it. I am not. Garriek was once

a "supe." So was Kean, and Booth, and Forrest, I come of a theatrical family We Wagstaffs are of the stage, stagey Wagstaff is as good a name as Shakspere Possible my ancestor was a "supe" and wagged a staff as Shakspere's ancestor shook a spear. My first appearance on the stage was at the age of 5. I can just remember the event. It was at set the Albany museum I was to represent the young Prince of Morocco and was dressed in buckskin breeches, with a Tartar jacket and a black plug bat, as was the fashion in Morocco at that time. The propertyman supplied the coloring to give me th negatiar Indian bue of the princes of Mo roceo, and hit on copal varnish as the proper shade. He smeared me over with the sticky liquid, and though I remember that I could not move a muscle or shur my eyes or mouth, still I felt my import ance as a prince of royal blood. the right of the king. He was a small man with corkscrew legs encased in black, shiny broadcloth pantaloons and bombazine sack coat. I thought him the finest actor I ever saw, and he must have been a good one for my father used to say he was : But to my first appearance: got along very finely with the part of the prince, but when they tried to get the color off my face—ah, there was the rab. And rub me they did. My poor mother rubbed me and scrubbed me; my father suggested sand, and my mother tried it It made matters worse, for the sand dried in, and then they proposed to let it wear of. They used my face for sandpaper to light their matches on for some afterward. I often acted the child in "Pizarro,

and I remember, while on Rollo's shoulder once, crossing the bridge, I felt I was falling, and grasped Mr. Kemble Smith's beautiful black hair. It came off in my hands, and the house set up a roar at the sight of a bald-headed Peruvian. I and my brother Tom once acted the humps of a dromedary. An old horse with long Shangai legs, was gotten up as the dromedary. His gothic figure and long neck were wrapped in yellow col ored cloth, with shargy bundles of lamb's wool at his joints. Brother Tom and I, cov-ered with an old table cloth, represented the humps. My mother gave us each two apples to keep us quiet. In trying to get one of my apples out of my pocket it fell on the stage. The old camel stooped to eat it, and in his effort shook off both humps, to the amusements of the andience and the discomfiture of the camel driver, an old gentleman who was known in our company as Jumbo, on account of his having but two teeth which protruded directly from his mouth in tusk fashion.

The supernumerary of to-day has no opportunity to prove his value to his employer. How can a supernumerary advance in the profession when such trashy plays occupy the American stage? There are no spearmen, "Ten Nights in a Railroad Car," in "The Musical Cockroaches, or the Roller Skater of Buckton." Who could play the dead Cesar as I used to do it? To be sure. I used to suffer on account of my long legs. I remember once I was to play the dead Casar. The pier, a long, two-handled stretcher, had but two-handled stretcher, had two crossbars for me to my legs hung over But as I was a dead man, of one end. course I had to hold them out stiffly Well, the position was painful. Still, I was covered with a pall and dead Caesar's toga, I did not mind. But, oh my agony from having nothing to rest my back on; literally supporting my enentire weight on the back of my head and the calves of my legs. The gentleman who was delivering the oration over mo -Marc Antony-was very slow and long

lines, "See what a rent the envious Casea made," I suddenly collapsed. I bent up like a jack-knife and slumped through the bier with my knees glued to my chin. I appeared like a sack of oats fallen through a broker wheel-barrow. But did I move? stood it as a dead Cosar should, although the nasty stage carpenter did prod me with sharpened knitting needles through the stage flooring. I have neted the waves of the ocean on several oceasions when covered with green cloth, in com-pany with other supers. We had to raise up and down on our knees to imitate the billows. I remember one night we were playing "Flying Dutchman" waves They were strong, and we had to skirmish around under the sea cloth very lively. Just before the scene came on and we were under the cloth waiting to begin 'the stormy ocean,' the captain of supes said: "Boys, old Vanderdecken, the manager, is going to cut down our wages. Let's fix him. No waves to night." "Good!" exclaimed the balance of the billows. The prompter's whistl sounded. The scene opened. The ocean remained tranquil. The Flying Dutchman cussed and swore—to no purpose. Not a billow waved. They boycotted the ocean. I was discharged for that though I had no hand in it. I was discharged instrumental interpretations of the property of the sound in the same before for the sound in the same before for some light in the sound in the same before for some light in the same before for same light in the same before for same light in the same lin charged just once before for a slight mis-take. I had to announce: "Diana de Portier and Le General Merlieux." I simply said: "Dennis Porter and General Miller." The audience gave me away. Miller." The audience gave me away and I was discharged. I could get along Mr. Fiorence as Capt Cuttle. Sale of Seats begins Thursday morning. better if I was not compelled to talk.

SPANISH SHAKES.

am out of a situation just now, though a

Syracuse manager has offered me a po-sition as understudy for a lamp-post, W. J. FLORENCE.

About Three Hundred of Which Occurred in Two Days. NEW YORK, Jan. 14.-Mail advices from

Panama say at 2 o'clock on the morning of December 18 the Spanish city of Amatillan, containing 5,000 inhabitants, situated twenty five miles south of Guatemala, was awakened by frequent shocks of earthquake, which continued all day until 5;23 p. m., when a very heavy shock was felt, and at 5:35 p. m. the heaviest shock came, throwing down many walls and houses already fissured by the early shocks. People were thrown down the air was filled with dust from the fallen houses, shock followed upon shock, and the frightened people rushed to a large plateau in front of the church of San Juan and dragged the image of their guardian saint outside the trembling wal is of the church and erected a temporary shrine in the middle of the street, before which all prostrated themselves. One hundred and thirty-one shocks were felt the first day, principally from east to west, eightyone of which occurred between 4 and 5.26 p. m. The second day was nearly as bad, and the shocks continued for some days subsequently. Auntilian has been several times within the past fifty years destroyed by earthquakes and floods.

More Than It Will Ever Own. ALHANY, Jan. 14.—In the assembly to-day a bill incorporating the Grant monument association, and empowering it to hold \$7,000.000 worth of property free from taxation, was passed and sent to the senate.

AMONG THE RAILROADS,

Western Roads With Eastern Comme tions Forming a Pool.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14. Representatives of all the western roads at Chicago baving eastern connections met at the Windsor hotel to-day, for the purpose of considering a plan for the formation of a western pool similar to that now in force among the trunk lines in this city. The session was devoted mainly to a discussion of the situation, George R. Blanchard, who was selected as commissioner for the new pooling association at a meeting in Chicago two weeks ago, was present, and announced his acceptance of the position. The roads are endeavorm to effect uniformity of both passenger and freight rates, and the means to maintain this in conjunction with eastern freight lines. Some determination is expected to-morrow.

A Pointed Gathering.

Cure vso, Jan. 14. A meeting of twenty-two of the leading barb wire manufacturers of the country was held here to-day, at which it was decided to form a national associait was decided to form a national associa-tion. A temporary organization was affected ann a meeting was called to be held in this city January 29, when a permanent organi-zation will be effected. The following sched-ale of prices was adopted: Galvanized wire, in fifty ton lots, 5 cents per pound; in smaller lots, 54 cents. Pointed wire, in fifty ton lots, 4 cents per pound; in smaller lots, 44 cents. Thick-set wire, in fifty ton lots, 45 cents; in smaller lots, 45 cents.

Promised Land, Gardiner's bay, were wrecked at Robbin's island during the late storm. Among the vessels were the schooners Zeben

The Scallop Fleet Wrecked.

RIVERHEAD, L. L. Jan. 14.-News is fust

eceived that the most of the seallop fleet at

Brothers, No Name, Crazy Jane, Sappo, Hempstead and Chief. The names of a number of sloops, sharpies and schooners are not yet ascertained. The crews are all safe, so far as is known, but they suffered greatly from cold. Mormons Changing Front. Et. Paso, Texas, Jan. 14.-The Mormons of Prima, Artzona, have requested Governor Zulick to supply them with arms to protect themselves from the Apaches. This action on the part of the Mormons is causing much

with the Apaches, having frequently supplied them with food, horses and arms. It is as-serted the hostiles need the arms, and the Mormons will give them to the Indians if the governor compiles with their request.

comment, as they have always been friendly

He Roasted the Baby. WALLINGFORD, Conn., Jan. 14. Reports ay a colored woman, living near Pond Hill, left her baby in an oven to keep it warm while she went to call her husband, the fire being almost out. In the meantime her hus-band returned and built a rearing fire in the

Ordered to the Northwest. KINGSTON, Ont., Jan. 14.-Orders have seen received here to parade all men of bat-

stove, literally roasting the baby.

tery "A" to-day for medical inspection. It is rumored that a contingent will be sent north Thirty Toes Turned Up. Et. Paso, Tex., Jan. 14.-A report reached

here to-day of an engagement between

United States government scouts near Casa Grande, Mexico. It is said six scouts were

Snow in the South. SHIEVEPORT, La., Jan. 14.-A storm of now, hail, rain and sleet has prevailed in this section for the past twenty-four hours.

Did the Heavens Fall? Sr. Almans, Vt., Jan. 14.-J. F. Richard son (republican) collector of customs at this port, has voluntarily resigned.

Real Estate Transfers. The following transfers were filed Jan. 13, with the county clerk, and reported for the BEE by Ames' Real Estate

Elmer A Todd (single) to Wm L McCagne, lot 1, block 12, Dwight & Lyman's add Omaha, w d=\$300. John II Maack and wife to Omaba & North Platte R R Co, part of sw ¼ sec 10-14-12, Douggas Co, w d=\$315.

Jas G Megeath and wife to Alfredo Mont-morency, lots 21, 22 and 23, Windsor Piace, Omaha, w d - \$1,850. 11 Pearl England, to City of Omaha, 49 feet of e and w center see 22-15-12, of lot 1, Clark's add Omaha, q c 825. Hugh G Clark to City of Omaha, 49 feet of

Hugh G Clark to City of Omaha, 49 feet of e and w center see 22:15-13, of lot 1, Clark's add Omaha, q c—\$100.

Samuel E Rogers and wife to William S Mills, lot 5, block 15, Improvement Association add Omaha, w d—\$500.

John Simmons and wife to Caroline Peters, part of lot 5 of nw ½ of ne ¼ sec 9-15-13, Douglas county, w d—\$500.

John Simmons and wife to Anna Kuhn, part of lot 5, of nw ¼ of ne ¾ sec 9-15-13, Douglas Co, w d—\$500.

Charles C Honsel and wife to Thomas Gray, lot 2, block 9, Isaacs & Selden's add Omaha, w d—\$450.

Ferdinand Kreitz and wife to J G Taylor.

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